

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election sets a frightening and dangerous precedent.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. In this situation, they are clearly breaking the law. Equally importantly, Sinclair is breaking the spirit of the law. Rather than showing relevant news they are stealing the time to air a vicious and slanted political infomercial. They have refused suggestions to air programming with alternative points of view. This does not provide the local public with a balanced perspective on the issues relevant to them. Instead, it is an example of a massive conglomeration stepping on democracy.

The public owns those airwaves, not Sinclair. If the FCC does not defend the public interest, who will?